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Dear Senator Boren:

Thank you for your recent inquiry on behalf of [   ]
concerning the fate of Raoul Wallenberg and a proper
accounting for the Americans still missing in Southeast Asia
since the Indochina War.

The President, the Department of State, and Congress share
a strong concern about the fate of Mr. Wallenberg. The U.S.
Government takes every opportunity to make this concern known
to the Soviet authorities.

Reflecting U.S. interest in this case, President Reagan
signed into law in October 1983 a bill conferring honorary U.S.
citizenship upon Raoul Wallenberg. Honoring Mr. Wallenberg in
this fashion was an important symbolic act. It has made the
Soviets and the rest of the world aware of our great admiration
for his courage and dedication to humanity. In addition, it
stressed our abhorrence for his unjust and illegal punishment
by the Soviet Government.

To emphasize further our dedication to resolve the mystery
of Mr. Wallenberg's fate, we raised his case with the Soviets
through diplomatic channels after he was made an honorary cit-
izen. To date, the Soviets have not responded. However, our
efforts to resolve the tragic mystery of Mr. Wallenberg's fate
will continue until the Soviets provide a full and satisfactory
clarification of their actions in his case.

We have pressed our efforts both in bilateral meetings and
international forums, such as the Conference on Security and
Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Review Meeting in Madrid and the
UN Human Rights Commission. In 1982, the U.S. Representative
to the UN Human Rights Commission urged the Soviet Union to
make "a humanitarian gesture which would contribute to univer-
sal good-feeling, namely a renewed search and full report,

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which may lay questions to rest; or else in the best of all possible outcomes, result in the discovery of the whereabouts of a man who stands among the heroes of our time." At a February 1983 session of the Commission, the U.S. Alternate Representative again raised the issue of Raoul Wallenberg, whom he termed "one of the genuine heroes of World War II, and one of the war's most noble spirits." He suggested the UN Human Rights Commission's Working Group on Disappearances be authorized to "make a renewed search and a full report" on the case.

We continue to work closely with the Swedish Government to investigate reports alleging that Mr. Wallenberg might still be alive. Thus far, we have been unable to substantiate this information. Nevertheless, we will maintain a cooperative effort with the Swedish Government and other interested parties to seek information that will clarify the fate of this brave man.

On January 17, 1985, President Reagan issued a statement to mark the fortieth anniversary of Raoul Wallenberg's disappearance and to commemorate "his heroic deeds in saving thousands of Hungarian Jews." In his statement, the President said, "We will continue to insist that the Soviet Union has a moral obligation to answer, once and for all, the questions we have about his fate."

Both President Reagan and Secretary Shultz have stated on numerous occasions the commitment of the U.S. Government to obtain the fullest possible accounting for our missing men in Southeast Asia. We continue to press the Vietnamese and Laotians for all available information concerning the Americans still missing, while independently seeking these same answers. I am pleased to enclose material which outlines our policy and efforts to resolve the POW/MIA issue.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Correspondence returned.
2. Material as stated.